Trade between India and Thailand

*76. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks to boost trade between India and Thailand were held during the visit of Thai P.M. to India in the last week of March, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) Discussions on matters relating to trade were held during the visit of Thai Prime Minister in the last week of March, 1989. The Thai P.M. suggested visit of a team from India to Thailand to explore the opportunities available there for joint ventures in the areas of production of Urea, Ammonia, Potash, Phosphate etc. The Indian side suggested the need for award of projects in Thailand to Indian companies for execution, on a negotiated basis. Interest was also registered in availing Thai expertise for establishment of fresh water prawn hatcheries in India.

Para-Military Forces for J & K

*77. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that J&K Government have asked for additional paramilitary forces in order to deal with continued violence in Kashmir Valley; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CRPF Companies have been provided to J&K Government for Internal Security duties.

Cracks in Dams

*78. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Times of India" of the 25th February, 1989 under the caption "Cracks in Hirakud, four other Dams";

(b) if so, what are the names of the other dams referred to in the news-item;

(c) what are the causes for these cracks; and

(d) whether any inquiry has since been conducted in this regard by the Central Government and if so, what are the details thereof??

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The dams referred to in the newspaper, in addition to Hirakud are Tigra in Madhya Pradesh, Konar of Damodar Valley Corporation, Rihand in Uttar Pradesh and Parvati in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) Cracks have appeared due to the development of tensile stresses as per the investigations conducted by the project authorities in association with the Central Water Commission.

Jain-Banerjee Committee

*79. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jain-Banerjee Committee on November, 1984 riots set up in mid-1987 had remained ineffective and non-functional all along and though its term which expired in August, 1988 has not been extented, the staff is getting the salaries and the office expenditure is being met by the Delhi Administration;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for its remaining non-functional and what steps are contemplated by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether any report has been submitted by the Committee; if so, what are the salient features of the recommendations made by the Committee and what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Committee had instructed Delhi Police to register certain cases. The Delhi High Court, however, issued an ad-interim injunction restraining the Committee from making recommendations for registration of fresh cases. The Counsel has been instructed by the Administration to move the Court for vacation of the stay. The salaries and other expenses are being borne by the Delhi Administration.

(c) No report has been submitted by the Committee.

Pending cases of freedom fighters

*80. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications are pending for sanction of pension to the freedom fighters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are not fully implementing the liberalised policy for sanctioning pension to the freedom fighters;

(c) whether Government will be liberal in sanctioning pension to the freedom fighters instead of rejecting them on technical grounds; and

(d) whether Government will consider the applications of the freedom fighters who have not applied in time?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Some applications are pending for want of certain documents, and are under consideration.

(b) and (c) In accordance with the provisions of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 applications are considered sympathetically. Applications are rejected not on technical grounds but only after careful examination.

(d) Yes, Sir. [illegible] tions are considered for grant of pension if the claims are borne out from official records.

Export of major bulk drugs

327. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of major bulk drugs which have been exported from the country during the last two years;

(b) what is the Cash Compensatory Support on each and when it was fixed;

(c) what is the procedure for fixation of Cash Compensatory Support and on whose instance it was fixed on the bulk drugs;

(d) whether his Ministry is aware of instances where not only the country has been deprived of foreign exchange but also of internal resources; and

(e) if so, what corrective steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (e) Sulphamethoxazole, Ibuprofen, Tinidazole, Trimethoprim, Amodiaquine HCL, Erythromycin Estolate, Erythromycin Stearate, Ampicillin Trihydrate, Potassium Iodide, Paracetamol, Ethambutol HCL, Sodium Iodide, Chlorpropamide, Oxyphenbutazole, Metronidazole, Mebandazole, Methyl Dopa, Ampicillin Trihydrate, Cephalexin, Doxycycline HCL and Papain are the major bulk drugs which have been exported from the country during the last two years. Cash Compensatory Support is fixed on the basis of the various disadvantages suffered by the product exported such as incidence of unrefunded indirect taxes, cost of product development and market development expenses, discriminatory higher freight rate, etc. as reflected in the cost data details submitted by a representative section of the industry duly recommended by the concerned Export Promotion Council/Commodity Board. Cash Compensatory Support scheme was reviewed in the month